(b) whether assistance from international agencies has been sought/availed of for this purpose; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of High Value Added Products

3425. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken to phase out the export of raw materials of low value added products to promote the export of high value added products;

(b) what steps have been taken for the phasing out the export of finished leather to promote export of leather products; and

(c) what steps have been taken to phase out the export of raw and semi-processed granite ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) The Export Import Policy is oriented towards achieving higher value addition on exports. Replenishment rates are dependent on value addition. The scheme of 100% Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zones are founded on the concept of value addition.

(b) A Group was set up by the Government to consider phasing out of export of finished leather so as to promote exports of value added leather products. The Group has recommended regulation of export of finished leather over a period of time.

(c) There is no ban on export of granite blocks. However, the respective State Governments have been generally adopting policies that discourage export of raw and unfinished granite. Under the scheme of 100% Export Oriented Units, approval for schemes in the granite sector are accorded on the basis of optimum value addition and processing.

Clearance of Peddagedda Reservoir Scheme

3426. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Peddagedda reservoir scheme (medium irrigation) in Vizianagram district of Andhra Pradesh has since been cleared by the Central Water Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) :

(a) to (c) The project has been returned to the State Government in March, 1990, to comply with observations of Central Water Commission, regarding carryover storage, reservoir competency, benefit cost ratio and clearance for submergence of forest land. The State Government has to come up with a modified report.

Merger of the cadre of Investigator with the cadre of Technical Assistant in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

3427. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre of Investigator in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has been disturbed with its merger with the cadre of Technical Assistant, defying all norms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the merger of cadres will adversely affect the promotion avenues of existing Investigators who in fact have not got any promotion for the last 10 years; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) There has been no merger as such. However, the Technical Assistants in the Metal Scheme have been made eligible